

Cumberland Fire District Consolidation Meeting

Minutes November 13, 2012 7:00pm Hayden Library

The commissioners for the merged Cumberland Fire District in attendance – John McCoy NCFD, Michael Spaziani NCFD, James Leonard CFD, Dana Jones CFD, Normand Menard VFFD, Ronald Champagne CHFD, Arthur Colwell CHFD. James Scullin VFFD was absent.

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm.

Motion to accept the minutes of the October meeting as written was made by James Leonard.
Seconded by Normand Menard.
Motion carried.

October's posted agenda was incomplete. As a result a reconfirmation of all nominations was needed.

Motion to reconfirm the election of elect Ronald Champagne chairperson and Michael Spaziani vice chairperson of the combined Cumberland Fire District commissioners made by James Leonard.
Seconded by Normand Menard
Motion carried.

Motion to reconfirm the election of Michael Spaziani chairperson of the Labor Negotiation committee was made by James Leonard.
Seconded by John McCoy
Motion carried.
Ronald Champagne and Normand Menard were also named to the Labor Negotiation Committee.

Motion to elect John McCoy chairperson of the Financial committee was made by Michael Spaziani.
Seconded by Arthur Colwell
Motion carried.
Arthur Colwell, Dana Jones and Scott DiChristofero were also named to the Financial committee.

Motion to elect James Leonard chairperson of the Communication committee was made by Michael Spaziani.
Seconded by John McCoy
Motion carried.
Michael Spaziani was also named to the Communications committee.

Motion to elect James Scullin chairperson of the Legal committee was made by James Leonard.

Seconded by John McCoy.

Motion carried.

John McCoy and James Leonard were also named to the Legal committee.

Committee Reports

Labor – The labor committee will be meeting next week and has copies of all the contracts.

Financial – The financial committee is working on a consolidated budget and will set up a meeting for next week.

Legal – The legal committee is working on getting a document from the Coventry Fire department about the act that was passed by the Legislature when they combined. The bill was introduced 1/21/06 and passed 3/28/06. It looks like it takes 3 months once the four districts agree to consolidate.

Media – The media committee is working on how to present this to the districts. Some suggestions include video and power point presentations. The goal is to have one presentation available for all the districts.

Public Comment

Firefighters questioned if there would be issues similar to those in North Smithfield and their consolidation.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, December 4, 2012 7pm Cumberland Public Library Community Room

Motion was made to adjourn by Jim Leonard.

Seconded by Arthur Colwell.

Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:20